



# THE ponds REFLECTION

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### School Contributions

Thank you to all the parents who have so promptly contributed to their child's education by paying both elective and general contributions. Funds raised are necessary for student electives to continue in their current format, while the general contribution supports a variety of student programs and needs, including the purchase of the most appropriate resources to support student learning. Parents will note the P&C contribution, which is also included on these schedules. The P&C do not engage in significant fund raising activities. It is most fortunate our parents and community do so strongly support the school and value the education their sons and daughters receive. All money from the tax deductible building fund has been allocated to provide shelter and shade for students.

### School Photos

School photos took place for the entire school on Monday with a catch-up photo day on Monday 25 February. It was obvious students went to great efforts to ensure they looked their best for the day. School photo day ran extremely smoothly as a result of Mrs Morrison, Miss Fong and Miss Duynhoven fine organisational skills and we thank them for their efforts.

### TPHS Open Night

Our school held the annual Open Night last Tuesday to showcase the school and the wonderful teaching and learning done in each KLA. Hundreds of potential students and their parents attended and were given a short talk in the gym followed by a tour of the school. Mrs Weal highlighted the broad range of subjects available in our school and the system we have in place to support students in a large high school setting. Special thanks must go to Mr Scandizzo and Mrs Jack for organising the night.

## TPHS Swimming Carnival

Staff and students were lucky to enjoy a great day for their Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Aquatic Centre yesterday. This Carnival was well attended with around 1000 students braving the morning downpour. Students participated in a range of events including the novelty volleyball. Year 7 students had their first taste of a high school swimming carnival and clearly had the highest participation rates of any year group. A big thank you goes to the PDHPE staff for their organisation of the event and staff who encouraged students, ran events and played music in the stands to support their houses.

## Sporting star

Congratulations to Holly (Year 11) who accepted the Junior Sports Person of the Year Award at the Blacktown Sports Awards on Saturday night. Holly competes in the sport of Trampolining and she has represented the school at all levels from Sydney West championships to CHS championships with great success. This award adds to a long list of awards including our own Junior Sportswomen of the Year Award and multiple CHS gold medals.

Well done Holly from everyone at The Ponds High School.



## School Uniform

It was really pleasing to sit in the gym at our recent assemblies and see our students return for the beginning of the academic year so well attired. Students looked marvellous in crisp new uniforms and appropriate black leather shoes. It is now most important this wonderful standard be maintained throughout the year. Parental support of our school uniform policy is vital to this.

## Athlete's Foot

Thank you to parents who have purchase appropriate school shoes from Rouse Hill The Athlete's Foot store. They support our school with \$5 from every purchase. This week they donated \$410 to The Ponds High School. Their support is greatly appreciated.



## Uniform and Lateness

Students are reminded that they are expected to arrive at school in time to attend roll call at 8:30am. A second bell will ring at 8:33am, students who are not in roll call by then will have to sign in late. The 3-minute rule is due to staff needing to mark a roll for 30 students and read all announcements in a short space of time. Students who arrive late need to present a note written and signed by a parent/carer to the Front Office to explain the student's lateness.



## BYOD

Many thanks to all our parents who have provided a computer for their child to use at school on a daily basis. The response to the school's request has been absolutely overwhelming and it is fantastic to see virtually all our students equipped with appropriate learning devices.



## Straight home, straight to school



Students are asked to go straight home after school. We have had a number of complaints from the local community in regards to bike riding in the area and loitering around the shops. I encourage all students to display the utmost respect to all members of our local community. It should not matter if they are in school uniform or not. This is a great area to grow up in and we should be proud of it.

As the Deputies says ten times a day "**Ponds Pride**".

## Friday on My Mind



'Friday on My Mind' is a new initiative to develop student performances. Every Friday A Week, students will perform on the D Block steps. This week the school rock and roll band KADE entertained the school. Well done Will, Josh, Max and Alex!





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## NOTE TO PARENTS

### ONLINE PAYMENTS



It has been great to see so many parents using the school's secure Online Payment System which is streamlining payments and saving parents time.

Payments can be made using either a Visa, Master Card credit or debit card.

Payments can be made through our website:

[www.theponds-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.theponds-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

clicking on "Online Payments", then clicking on "Make a Payment".

**Late payments** can affect cut off dates/times for events. If a payment is made after 6pm the school will not see that payment until the second business day, ie: payment made at 7pm on Monday evening will not be on the report for the school to access until Wednesday morning.

**Payment for an activity or excursion does not constitute permission to participate. Permission notes are still required for relevant activities and must be handed into the Student Window at the School Front Office *before the cut-off date, otherwise your child will miss out on the excursion.***

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Term 1 2019

### Week 5

Monday 25 February

SCHOOL PHOTOS CATCH UP DAY  
Macquarie Cup Soccer

Tuesday 26 February

Multicultural/Harmony Day Assembly  
Macquarie Cup Rugby League

Wednesday 27 February

Barista Training

Thursday 28 February

Year 7 Vaccinations  
Knockout Cricket Match at Jonas  
Bradley Reserve  
Barista Training

Friday 1 March

Macquarie Cup Basketball Excursion

### Week 6

Monday 4 March

Year 11 Earth & Environment Science  
Excursion Penrith Lakes  
B-Boys Hip Hop Dance Workshop

Tuesday 5 March

Zone Swimming Carnival  
Year 11 State Library Excursion  
Stage 5 2020 Japan Trip Info Evening  
6:30pm in the Library

Thursday 7 March

Macquarie Cup Netball  
Boys Basketball Knockout Game

Friday 8 March

Year 11 Women in Science  
Symposium Excursion

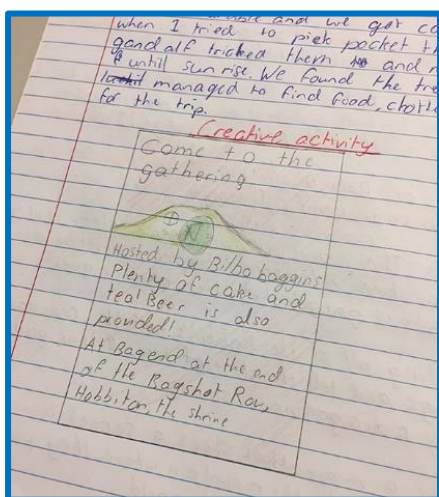
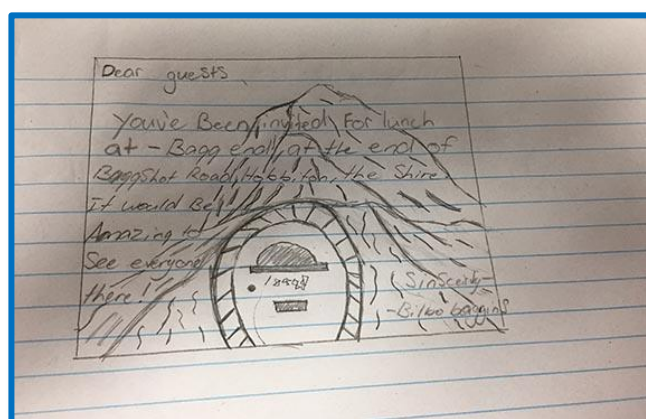
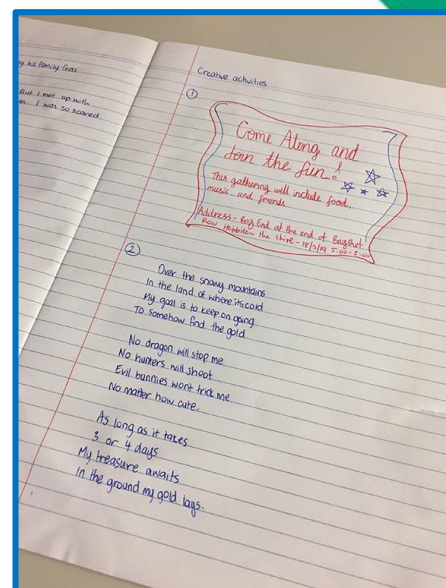
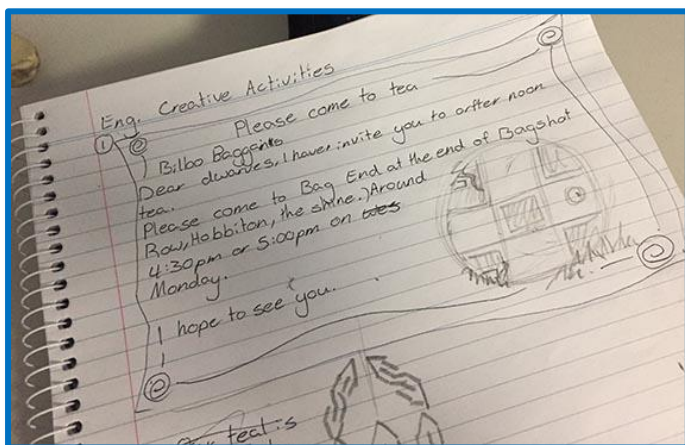


# ENGLISH

The year has started at a roaring pace and the English faculty is excited to share with you the texts our students are studying this term:

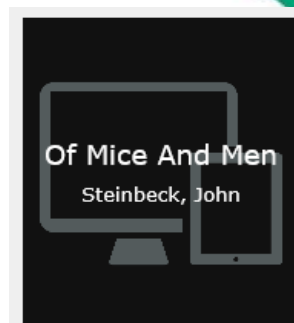
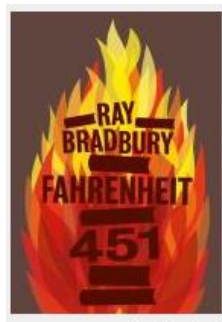
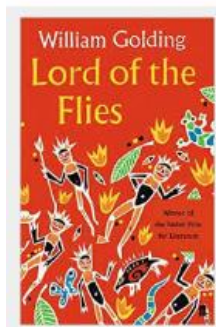
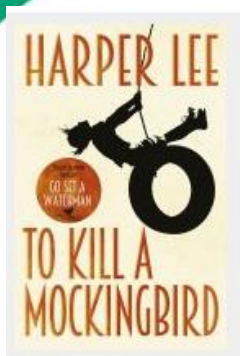
Year 7 have begun the year by examining the concept of relationships and how they are explored in different texts. Each class is completing a novel study with students reading books such as *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne, *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo or *Millions* by Frank Boyce.

Year 8 have excitedly begun their study of the Fantasy genre, studying magical texts including *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman, *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman and *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness. Some invitations to afternoon tea at Bilbo Baggins' hobbit-hole are shown below.



Year 9 are engrossed in their own novel study closely examining texts to understand their themes and construction. Each class is reading either *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Tomorrow, When the War Began* by John Marsden, *The Wave* by Todd Strasser, *A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams or *The Door that Led to Where* by Sally Gardner.

Year 10 are completing a study of classic literature and considering what gives a text lasting influence. Our core novels in this study are *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.



Year 11 is a crucial year and leads students into their senior studies. Year 11 English is comprised of English Studies, Standard, Advanced and Extension. Students have begun studying a variety of different texts composed across a range of modes and mediums, analysing composers' uses of language forms and features, for the common module: 'Reading to Write'.



Debating is also off to a fantastic start with two competitive teams registered for Stage 4, 5 and 6. Mrs Caro has also established links with Kellyville Ridge Public School and will be taking student leaders to help train up-and-coming younger students.

Several excursions are already planned for the year, including a trip early next term for Year 11 English Advanced to see a production of Shakespeare's *Othello*. We look forward to many more exciting opportunities that will be on offer to students throughout the year.

**Mr Ben Bennett**

Relieving Head Teacher English





# YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Students in Year 7 at The Ponds High School will be receiving their vaccinations for dTpa and 1st dose of HPV.

This will take place on **THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY**. Students were given the official form this week for parents to complete. Regardless if they are receiving both, one or none of them, **we do need those forms returned to the Front Office as written consent from parents**. The school will be sending a message the night before (WEDNESDAY) to remind parents that all students in Year 7 should have a full breakfast and drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Any questions please contact Mrs Gharrach on the main school line.



Health  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District

TRIM No: 19/6788

## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM – SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2019 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

*Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to you by your child's school. To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided;
- complete the consent form, including signing your name next to each of the vaccine/s you would like your child to receive;
- return the completed consent form to your child's school;
- ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phone the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed vaccine/s throughout the year where possible.

Please note that students who commence the HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered a catch-up dose at school in Year 8. Students who have their first HPV dose at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. You should ensure that this record is kept for future reference. Please do not assume that your child has been vaccinated if you do not receive this Record of Vaccination. Vaccination records will be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to provide a complete immunisation history for your child.**



Public Health Unit  
Gungahra, Building 68  
Cumberland Hospital  
LMB 7118, Parramatta BC NSW 2124  
Tel 9840 3603 Fax 9840 3608





## Would you be interested in hosting a Japanese student for 2 weeks in July/August?

The Ponds High School has been selected to host some students from Japan. We have a group of girls and boys who will be visiting. They arrive on Wednesday 24 July and will depart from the school on Wednesday 7 August.

We are looking for families who would be interested in billeting the students in their homes.

If you are interested in this great opportunity or if you would like more information, please contact Mrs Amanda Singh, Japanese Teacher, by email: [amanda.singh6@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:amanda.singh6@det.nsw.edu.au)

*Mrs Amanda Singh*  
Japanese Teacher





## Season 1 Wednesday Sport Fees

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child/ward's Season 1 Sport Fees have now been invoiced and it would be greatly appreciated if these could be paid at your earliest convenience. It is essential that these fees be paid to ensure our sports sessions can operate and provide opportunities for students to experience diverse recreational activities. This fee covers any applicable costs associated with transportation, venue hire and provision of relevant equipment.

Costs of Season 1 Wednesday Sport include:

### Grade Sport = \$45 Per Season

*Girls Oztag  
Boys Soccer*

*Girls Netball  
Boys Basketball*

*Girls Ultimate Frisbee  
Boys Touch*



### Cost Recreational Sport = Per Season

<i>Yoga</i>	<i>\$90</i>
<i>Gym</i>	<i>\$85 invoiced + \$5 cash each week for entry</i>
<i>Tennis</i>	<i>\$10</i>

Please do not hesitate to contact our friendly Front Office staff if you have any issue with payment, as alternate plans can be arranged. Non-cost options are available to all students at The Ponds High School. All payments must be directed to the Front Office.

## Sydney West Baseball

On Friday 15 February, Declan (10I), Tristan (10D) and Josh (9K) went to the Sydney West Opens Boys Baseball Championships to play for Macquarie Zone. We came 1<sup>st</sup> against four different other zones, beating Hills Sports along the way. We all had a great day and really enjoyed ourselves.

*Declan*

10I Student Reporter





# CAREERS

## EVET News

Students from The Ponds are studying Vocational Educational and Training courses in the following areas: Nursing at Auburn District Hospital; Electro-technology; Automotive; Aviation (Drone Piloting); Community Services and Retail. There are also three students that are studying SBATs at Reece Plumbing and McDonalds.



## Industry Partnership Program

Through our ever expanding partnership program, local businesses have been engaged to encourage participation in our community and continued engagement with and awareness of our students and their abilities and potential.

## Compulsory Work Experience Program - 2019

Students in Year 10 are at present being individually interviewed regarding their aspirations and work experience plans. Early Careers Lessons for Year 10 are focussed on work preparation and understanding individual interests, skills, abilities and values to help with decision making. Information on work experience can be found at this link:

<https://www.thepondshighcareers.com/?page=work-experience>

Students must complete their Work Experience Information Form in the 'Student Secure Area,' by Week 11 of Term 1.

**The following notices** have been heavily edited and some have been left out entirely. For a full account of these Career items visit the following link: <https://www.thepondshighcareers.com/?page=newsletter>

## UNIVERSITY

### CSU Explore Day - Map Out Your Future 2019

**Albury-Wodonga** 26 June 2019; **Bathurst** 12 April 2019; **Dubbo** 12 April 2019; **Orange** 9 April 2019; **Wagga Wagga** 15-16 April (Vet Science) and 25 June 2019

Parents and carers are welcome too - be sure to check out our dedicated parents program.

<https://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/social/events>

### UNSW 360 Virtual Tour

Check it out here: <http://www.360tour.unsw.edu.au/>



### Experience a week as a Marine Biologists - UTAS Marine Discovery Scholarship

Applications close Sunday 24 February. Course runs from 23 April until 28 April

<https://secure.utas.edu.au/imas/study/undergraduate/marinediscoverycompetition>

### Sydney UTAS – Medical Programs

**Darlinghurst** - The University of Tasmania's Darlinghurst campus offers [Nursing](#) within the [School of Health Sciences](#) offers the two year fast track [Bachelor of Nursing](#) course through the Darlinghurst campus in partnership with the [St Vincent's and Mater Health Services](#).

**Rozelle** - UTAS offers [Bachelor of Paramedic Practice](#) and this course is supported by the [Ambulance Service of New South Wales](#). The University's [School of Health Sciences](#) offers the fast track two year [Bachelor of Nursing](#) course.

For further information contact [Liliana.Arango@utas.edu.au](mailto:Liliana.Arango@utas.edu.au)

### Science Forum – University of Sydney

3 April, 5:45pm–7pm on ageing well, covering nutritional, psychological and physical activity research

<https://sydney.edu.au/science/news-and-events/events/sydney-science-forum/how-to-age-well.html>

### University of Sydney - International Science School Closes Soon

**Applications close 3 March; 7 to 20 July**

Every two years the ISS gathers 140 top science students from Australia and overseas for a two-week residential program of talks by world-renowned scientists, laboratory tours, hands-on activities and social events. **Are you in Year 11 and/or 12 in 2019? Do you love science?** If so, you have to apply for the Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS)!



<https://sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/faculty-of-science/industry-and-community-engagement/community-engagement/international-science-school-application-criteria-terms-conditions.pdf>

### Summer in Oxford Program



International Summer in Oxford offers high school students between the ages of 14 to 19 an exclusive opportunity to catch a glimpse of studying at prestigious universities in the United Kingdom. For more information, visit the following website: <https://summerinoxford.com/>

### Free Guide to US, UK and Canadian Universities

For Careers Advisers and Students - download at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14EHYRiDBCbztmVY2Mq2JUbmyl-zNS-U/view>

### Study in the USA - SAT Testing Dates and Advice

For a full list of 2019 testing dates go to the link below. Internationally Educated provides this and further advice in this link. We encourage students in Year 11 to sit a standardised test by the end of their school year so not to distract from local academic demands in Year 12.

<http://www.internationallyeducated.com.au/single-post/2018/09/07/The-SAT-and-ACT-Standardised-Tests---Updated-2018-19-SAT-Testing-Dates>



## TAFE & Apprenticeships

### HSC & Tertiary Preparation Certificate at TAFE

Perhaps you want to do the HSC again to achieve a higher entrance score for entry into a degree course? The Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation is a Year 12 equivalent qualification emphasising skill-based learning as well as discipline-specific content. The Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation is available to study full-time, part-time or through flexible learning options.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/course/-/c/c/10224NAT-01/Certificate-IV-in-Tertiary-Preparation>

### Build a Career with REECE School-based Apprenticeship Program (ASbA) – Retail or Warehousing

Offering exciting employment, training for Year 10s or 11s continuing through to Year 12 combining HSC with part time work. Contact: Vickie Shackley, M: 0427 354 091 E: [vshackley@mmtc.com.au](mailto:vshackley@mmtc.com.au)

<https://www.reececareers.com.au/school-based-traineeships/>

## COLLEGES

### Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Training – Register Your Interest

Come along to a [Cabin Crew Career Information Session](#) to talk to experts about how we can help you take to the skies; <https://www.aviationaustralia.aero/cabin-crew-career-training-sydney/>

### JMC Academy Sydney Campus Tour or Enquiry

Career opportunities in the growing areas of Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design:

<https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/contact-us/enquiry-form>

### JMC Academy Open Day 18 May

Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design: <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/open-days>

### AFTT Film & Acting Open Day

11 May. 9.30am to 2.30pm; 41 Holt Street, Surry Hills

<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/open-days/register-for-our-next-open-day>

### Whitehouse Campus Tour for Fashion or Interior Design

For more information, see Mr Baird <https://whitehouse-design.edu.au/schedule-a-tour/>

### Coco Republic Design School Online Courses

24 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria

Unleash your creative potential doing a short course or on-line specialising in developing your interior design and decorating skills. See the full year of options at:

<https://www.cocorepublic.com.au/design-school/courses>

### AIT Games Mastermind

28 February. 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Visit: [https://info.ait.edu.au/games\\_mastermind\\_event](https://info.ait.edu.au/games_mastermind_event)

### AIT Create Me Workshops

16 February

Games design, animation, film and more. Exclusive one-day **free** event will allow you to explore the endless possibilities in the creative and tech industries. <http://info.ait.edu.au/attend-create-me-workshops>

### AIT Information Nights

13 February – 5:30pm – 7:30pm and 6 March – 5:30pm – 7:30pm

<https://www.ait.edu.au/information-night>

## GENERAL

### Astronomy – Big Event – Save the Day

#### Apollo 11 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Open Day at Parkes Observatory

20 and 21 July <https://events.csiro.au/Events/2018/November/26/Parkes-Open-Days-2019>

### Science Alert – CSIRO Events

A one stop shop for some of the best science events in the country if not the world! There is something for almost everyone here. Go to: <https://events.csiro.au/>

### Avalon International Airshow

1, 2, 3 March

This super event will feature flight simulators, a variety of ground and air displays, and lots of other exciting aviation exhibits to check out. Along with a range of ADF aircraft and vehicles on display. Meet ADF members and get your questions answered. <https://www.facebook.com/events/331994357641971/>

### Study smarter this year

Marty Lobdells “Study Less Study Smart” video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23Xqu0jXlfs>

### Curious Minds Winter Camp

7 to 11 July



Girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics

Mentoring for girls with interest and skill in mathematics, science, technology and engineering. Curious Minds is aimed at highly capable girls in Years 9 and 10 who have an interest in STEM learning areas.

<https://www.asi.edu.au/programs/curious-minds/what-is-curious-minds/>

For More information see Mr Baird

### How to choose the right subjects for a career in printing, real estate or telecommunications

Download the industry-suggested school subject choices to help students start a career in these industries.

The lists cover choices for years 9 to 12. Find them at:

<https://apprenticeshipengagementforum.com.au/pages/onepage.aspx>

### 2017 Western Sydney Careers Expo - The Dome Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park.

27 June - 28 June, 9am-3pm; 29 June - 30 June, 10am-3pm

<https://www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/>

### Strong Demand for Surveyors

Higher graduate salary and excellent job prospects are just two reasons surveying is a career path secondary students should take note of. According to The Good Education Group, surveying has the fourth highest average starting salary at \$60,049 Graduate surveyors are also among the most likely to be employed straight out of university. <https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/increased-demand-for-surveyors/>



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# Careers Newsletter

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*"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."*

Michael Jordan

## Medical Career Planning

**NSW Health** has compiled an extensive list of extremely useful **fact sheets** to assist students in making more informed career choices about the many careers in the **health industry**, and to ensure their career plans not only fulfil their personal aspirations but also align with the needs of the industry. Students keen on finding out more about ***what the job is about, whether or not there is a shortage, etc.*** are encouraged to browse the following link on NSW Health - [Medical Career Planning](#)

## From UMAT to UCAT – External Exam for Medicine Changes

Students wishing to apply for medicine at many universities in 2020 will need to do the [University Clinical Aptitude Test](#) (UCAT).

This is the first time this test has been nominated as the external exam. It replaces the UMAT which has been in place until now.

The UCAT can be done at any time in July. There are detailed and easy to follow instructions on the UCAT site which also has extensive instructions to candidates who have special needs.

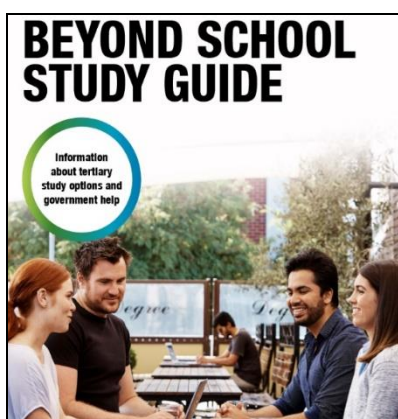
Applications open on 1 March and close on 17 May. You can find information [HERE](#).



## Beyond School Study Guide

The Beyond School Study Guide has been developed to help year 10-12 make important decisions about their future studies. The guide provides information about the sort of financial assistance you can get as you study, the different pathways to university and compares university and vocational pathways.

You can download the Guide [HERE](#).



## 2020 National Youth Science Forum

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a 12-day residential program for students entering year 12 who are passionate about science, technology, engineering and maths.

Applications for the 2020 program open on March 1.

Check videos of past events [HERE](#). Find more information [HERE](#).



## What does a “Dogger” do?

The **Good Universities Guide** states that *Doggers attach slings to cranes and direct the movement of loads handled by cranes in locations such as manufacturing plants, construction and mining sites, and the maritime industry.*

Find out more by browsing [The Good Universities Guide - Dogger](#)



## Creative or Artistic?

Take a look at the Study and Career pathways taken by 7 individuals and their very different journeys within the Visual Arts Sector, including: The Artist; The Curator; The Educator; The Conservator; The Art Installer; The Gallerist and The Arts Worker.



<http://www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au/schools/watch-listen.jsp>



## The “Group of Eight” Universities

The **Group of Eight (Go8)** is an association of leading Australian universities - comprehensive in general and professional education and distinguished by depth and breadth in research. The **Go8** universities continually aim to -

- enhance the contribution of its member universities to the nation’s social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being and prosperity;
- extend the contribution of its member universities to the generation and preservation of the world’s stock of knowledge;
- strengthen Australia’s capacity to engage in and benefit from global developments, respond to global and local challenges;
- expand opportunities for Australian students, regardless of background, to participate in higher education of world class.

To find out more about the *Group of Eight Universities*, visit [Group of Eight Universities](#)



## The Tuckwell Scholarship

**Australian National University (ANU)** launched the **Tuckwell Scholarship Program** in 2013. Receiving a Tuckwell Scholarship – valued at over \$21,700 per year for the length of an undergraduate degree - is not just about a students’ intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!**

Eligible students need to expect an ATAR of 95+ but students who have experienced disadvantage, or who have achieved significantly in other ways, may still be eligible.

Applications open on 4 March 2019 and close on 28 March 2019. Find out more at [Tuckwell Scholarship](#) and [Applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship](#).



## Steps to becoming an Australian Apprentice!

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn money while you learn your trade! They will give you skills for life and can open up a world of exciting work opportunities.

As the new school year begins, a new wave of students and young people will be thinking about what comes next. For many, this will be an apprenticeship or traineeship.

It is important to remember that there are many pathways to your dream job and that while it may seem a little bit daunting at times, you can break it down into four easy-to-understand steps:

### 1. Research

Researching your options is an important step to take before you start making career and training decisions. This will help you make up your mind about what industries and occupations you are interested in working in.

### 2. Preparation

Now that you've done your research and know which apprenticeship or traineeship you want to do; the next step is to prepare yourself for the job! Consider things like doing a pre-apprenticeship, having a look at wage information, and familiarising yourself with working conditions.

### 3. Job Hunting

There are many ways to find an apprenticeship or traineeship job. Think about contacting employers you already know, using job search sites or registering with a Group Training Organisation. Don't stick to just one method, try them all!

### 4. Sign Up

Every Australian Apprentice must be signed up into a formal training contract shortly after they are employed. To organise a sign up, the employer will need to contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider, also known as an Apprenticeship Network provider.

Using these steps as a guide, you can start your journey to becoming an Australian Apprentice today! If you would like to learn more about each step, plus heaps more useful information, visit [www.aapathways.com.au/steps](http://www.aapathways.com.au/steps).

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# UNIFORMS NEWS

## Thank You to ...

A belated thank you to the following mums who also volunteered their help during the holidays and the first weeks of Term 1: Tara W, Maureen P, Liz W, Fiona R and Manju who is a brand new volunteer. Our Uniform Shop would be impossible to run without the help of our fantastic Volunteers.

If you would like to lend a hand on any Wednesday or Thursday up to Recess, please send me an email.

## BLAZERS for 2019

The school places an order for the Winter Blazer once a year. It is an OPTIONAL item that all students are welcome to purchase and it looks fabulous with our Winter Uniforms and our New Senior Uniforms. The cost of the Blazer is \$120.00 and must be paid in full at time of ordering. Students must try on the size at the Uniform Shop to ensure correct size is ordered. WE DO NOT OFFER REFUNDS OR SIZE EXCHANGES. Blazer take 6 week to be delivered and will be available to collect in Term 2.

- The school only places one Blazer order per year.
- The last day to try on and place your Blazer order is Thursday March 28 2019
- The last day to place your Flexiorder for Blazers is Tuesday March 26 2019.
- Orders can be placed at The Uniform Shop, on Flexischools or at the Front Office ( as long as you know the size)



## WINTER UNIFORMS-TERM 2

As from next week, the Girls Winter Uniforms will be available to try on for sizing, with the bulk of Uniforms arriving in the next couple of weeks.

All Junior Girls, Years 7- 10, must change into the Winter Uniform for Term 2 and Term 3.

The Winter Uniform is the black/white tartan skirt and white blouse with black trim and school logo. Black plain tights are also optional.

Initially, there is a purchase limit of one skirt and 2 blouses to start with, to ensure all girls are fitted. Extra stock will be available in Term 2.

All Junior Boys, Years 7-10 must wear the compulsory Tie in Term 2 and 3 and can change into the grey trousers for extra warmth if needed.

Red Zip Cardigans for girls and Red Wool Jumpers for boys are also available.



## Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform Shop is open every  
Wednesday during school terms from 8:00am to-3:15pm and  
Thursday morning from 8:00am to11:00am during Terms 1 and 4.  
[uniforms.theponds@gmail.com](mailto:uniforms.theponds@gmail.com)



*Jo Leaver*

Uniform Store Manager

## THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORMS

### 2019 BLAZER ORDER FORM

PRICES EFFECTIVE 20/02/2019 ~ SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - INCLUDES 10% GST

PRODUCT	AVAILABLE SIZES	PRICE	QTY	SIZE	TOTAL
Blazer	10 - 26	\$ 120.00			

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Mobile No.: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: CASH / CHEQUE/ FLEXISCHOOLS / CREDIT CARD

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- ❖ BLAZERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRYING ON UNTIL THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019
- ❖ ONLY ONE ORDER FOR 2019 WILL BE PLACED FOR BLAZERS
- ❖ MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF PLACING THE ORDER
- ❖ THE CLOSING DATE FOR BLAZER ORDERS IS THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019
- ❖ FLEXISCHOOLS ORDERS CLOSE AT 4:45PM ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019
- ❖ BLAZERS ARE OPTIONAL
- ❖ NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

Blazer collected by: \_\_\_\_\_

Collected on: \_\_\_\_\_





# MathsPASS

## Mathematics Peer Assisted Study Sessions



\* All Year 7 students are welcome to attend Mathematics Peer assisted study sessions.

These are led by our senior students specifically to mentor Year 7 students with Maths.

**Recess, Monday to Wednesday**

**Mathematics Open Space (D.G.31)**

See your Maths Teacher for more information.



# 2019 THE PONDS HIGHS SCHOOL CLUBS

Here are the Clubs and Groups at The Ponds High School, join in!

CLUB/GROUP	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	CLASSROOM
BAND	Wednesdays	07:30 - 08:30 am	Mr Golotta	Music Performance Space
BASKETBALL	Thursdays	03:10 – 04:30 pm	Mr Thomas & Mr Hwang	Gymnasium
CHESS	Tuesdays	12:43 – 01:14 pm	Mr Kinsey	D.G.17
CHOIR	Week A Tuesday Week B Monday	12:43 – 01:14 pm	Ms Peroni	D.1.08
DANCE: Bhangra	Tuesdays	03:00-04:00 pm	Ms Shah	Fitness Centre
DANCE: Bollywood	Wednesdays	03:00-04:00 pm	Ms Shah	Fitness Centre
DANCE: Senior Ensemble	Tuesdays	07:45 – 08:25 am	Ms Duynhoven	D.1.03
DANCE: Junior Ensemble	Thursdays	12:43 – 01:14 pm	Ms Duynhoven	D.1.03
DANCE: Boys Dance Crew	Mondays	10:26 – 10:57 am	Ms Duynhoven	D.1.03
DEBATING: Stage 4	Tuesdays	03:00 – 04:00 pm	Mrs Caro	E19
DEBATING: Stage 5-6	Wednesdays	03:00 – 04:00 pm	Mrs Caro	E19
ENVIRONMENTAL	Thursdays Week B	12:43 – 01:00 pm	Ms S Jay	A.1.18
ESL ENGLISH	Thursdays	03:00 – 04:00 pm	Ms S Zhang	D.1.11
GUITAR	Mondays	07:45 – 08:30 am	Mr Golotta	Music Performance Space
HOMEWORK	Tues, Wed & Thu	03:00 – 04:00 pm	Supervising Teacher	The Learning Hub
JAPAN	Mondays	10:26 – 10:57 am	Ms Singh	E.12
JAZZ BAND	Fridays	07:45 – 8:25 am	Mr Kinsey	Music Performance Space
MathPASS Year 7 Math	Mon-Wednesday	10:26 – 10:57 am	Mr Tolentino	Math Open Space
PUBLIC SPEAKING	Mondays Week A	10:26 – 10:57 am	Mrs Caro	E19
SOC. JUSTICE INTERACT	Thursdays Week A	12:43 – 01:14 pm	Ms Semaan	Math Open Area
UKELELE PUGS	Fridays	07:45 – 08:20 am	Mr Golotta	D.1.22



# SOCIAL NETWORKING

## Social Networking

Social networking is a large part of the social identity of young people. They are avid users of a range of social networking services including Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter.

Many kids also network through playing online games like Club Penguin, Moshi Monsters and World of Warcraft. All of these services provide fun and engaging ways to:

- stay connected and interact with friends and family
- post information and updates about themselves and their activities
- share photos and videos
- chat and play games
- comment on other people's photos, posts and profiles.



It can be difficult to resist the 'pester power' of your kids when it comes to allowing them to engage on social media, especially when their friends may be allowed. There is a risk they may feel alienated, but ultimately you know your child best and whether they can handle the responsibilities and pressures of being on social media.

## How can I support my child to be safe on social networks?

Social networks can be a great experience for your kids and there are a number of ways that you can play a part in helping them enjoy their benefits. These include:

### Staying involved

Establish your own account on the sites they use and learn about the privacy settings. Don't be intimidated by new technologies – understanding how these sites work may help you feel more comfortable with your kids exploring these spaces.

### Checking 'terms of use'

Terms of use for each social media service covers the rules for using the site, the type of content that can be posted and any age requirements. Read these to your child to make sure they understand what is expected of them.

### Being aware of age guidelines

It is useful to consider whether you are comfortable with the content and the potential for contact with others including teens and adults on each site. Consider whether your child is socially ready to manage contacts and look out for the age ratings set by app stores to help identify age suitable content.

### Setting rules

Make sure your child knows what information they can share or post and encourage them to tell you before they join new networks and before they post any personal information, including their full name, address or school.

### Establishing safe personal profiles

Ensure they do not put too much personal information online. Help them create user names or IDs that do not communicate gender, age, name or location and are not sexually provocative.

Ensure your child's account is set to the strongest privacy setting so only their circle of friends can view their information, tag them in a photograph or share posts. Many sites have privacy protection information and safety tips.

### Encouraging thinking first

Encourage your kids to think before they put anything online, even among trusted friends and remind them that once shared, information and photos can be difficult or impossible to remove and may have a long-term impact on their digital reputation.

### Promoting respectful communication

Advise your child to stay respectful and be nice online and to avoid responding to any negative messages and report any they receive to you or another trusted adult.

### Checking review sites

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has prepared a [guide to popular social sites and apps](#). NetAware (UK) and Commonsense Media are also useful sites.

**For further information visit:**

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>





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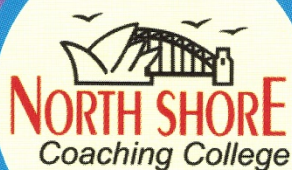
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### AFTER MORE INFORMATION?

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[klhcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:klhcsecretary@gmail.com)

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